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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA NO. DA 09-0322

PLAINS GRAINS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Montana limited partnership; et al.,

Appellants,

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CASCADE COUNTY, the governing body of the County of Cascade, acting by and STATE OF MORE COUNTY through Peggy S. Beltrone, Lance Olson and Joe Briggs,

Ed Smith STATE OF MONTANA

Appellees,

and

v.

SOUTHERN MONTANA ELECTRIC GENERATION and TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVE, INC.; the ESTATE OF DUANE L. URQUHART; MARY URQUHART; SCOTT URQUHART; and LINDA URQUHART,

Appellees/Cross-Appellants.

NOTICE INVOLVING CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

TO: STEVE BULLOCK, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 27, M.R.App.P., the Appellants in this proceeding serve notice to the Montana Attorney General of the existence of a constitutional issue implicated by the Cross-Appellants' cross-appeal, and motion to dismiss Appellants' appeal, on the grounds that the appeal has been rendered moot by virtue of Appellants not having sought a stay of the District Court's decision and judgment affirming the rezoning of some 668 acres of land from Agricultural to Heavy Industrial. Appellants have not yet had the benefit of reviewing the Cross-Appellants' brief in support of its cross-appeal, which is due to be filed on or before September 14, 2009, but Appellants anticipate that in response they may argue that as urged by Cross-Appellants the stay provisions of Rule 22, M.R.App.P., as applied to Appellants, would be violative of Appellants' constitutional rights, including the rights guaranteed by Art. II, §§ 3, 4, 6, 8, and 16, of the Montana Constitution. Please advise in writing as to whether the Attorney General will intervene in the appeal on the constitutional issues.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of September, 2009.

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